

SUGAR TARIFF PLANS CHAOTIC; EXCISE NOT ADVOCATED

PROHIBITION FOR HAWAII UNLIKELY IN THIS CONGRESS

"Dry" Forces Among Law-makers Split and National Constitutional Amendment is Delayed; District of Columbia Action Probable

(Special Star-Bulletin Cable)
WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 4.—The prohibition campaign is badly split so far as Congress is concerned now, delays having arisen which probably will defeat much of the suggested legislation for this session.
It is now improbable that Congress will pass the constitutional amendment calling for national prohibition, to be submitted later for ratification by the states. It is also unlikely that the measure for putting Hawaii into the "dry" column will be passed.
Prohibition for the District of Columbia seems certain, but with Hawaii not attached to this bill, as was proposed some time ago.
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PATY SAYS PLAN NOT SUFFICIENT

"Senator Chillingworth's proposal, as expressed in the Star-Bulletin yesterday, is all right, but it does not go far enough."

This is the expression made today by Secretary George W. Paty of the Anti-Saloon League, speaking in reference to the proposed bill introduced in the House yesterday.

Paty expressed appreciation for the senator's proposed action and commended the sincerity of the plans, but avers that closing saloons and still allowing liquor to be sold in cafes and hotels will not solve the real problem, although it may alleviate it.

"There are cases coming to my attention every week which would not be affected or helped by the closing of the saloons," he says, "and although it would be a good thing for Hawaii to have the prohibition law enacted, the Anti-Saloon League hopes to see federal prohibition for Hawaii before a bill passed here would go into effect."

The anti-saloon man cited three striking examples of the ill effects of houses which would not be prevented by closing the saloons.

"One quite well-known man in the city recently drank seven pints of pure alcohol which he had obtained from a drug store in seven days. His wife appealed to me to stop it and I took the matter up with the drug store people," Paty continued, "but they declared they had not sold that much to any man. Another wife says her husband has not worked for five months, during which time he has been drunk most of the time, while she worked as a stenographer to support five children, one of whom died. A local furniture concern threatened to take their unpaid furniture away from them before Christmas, but I induced the company to leave it until this month. The woman is now trying to make a payment on it. The man did not get his home from a saloon. In the third case a well paid local man has been coming home continuously from a local club quite drunk. The wife asked me to help her. I found two saloons where he was drinking and asked them to refuse him liquor, which they did. I wrote to the club, telling of his wife's anxiety, but I have no power with the organization and it will probably do as it sees fit."

FILIPINO QUESTION MAY COME BEFORE ASHFORD, HE THINKS

Circuit Judge Ashford believes that, within a short time a phase of the question of the eligibility of non-citizen Filipinos to be members of the National Guard will come before him judicially. For this reason he declined today to comment on the proposal to secure legislation at the next session to permit non-citizens and aliens to join the guard.

Several months ago, when there was established by the guard a system whereby needy Filipino militiamen were provided with food, Judge Ashford charged the grand jury to investigate to ascertain whether funds of the territory were being used for the maintenance and support of Filipinos as a means of making them or keeping them available for service in the National Guard.

This investigation, if there has been any, has not yet been reported on. Judge Ashford says he would not be surprised if the matter would come before him in some way judicially.

Some Coppers Show Decline

NEW YORK STOCK MARKET TODAY

Following are the closing prices of stocks on the New York market today, sent by the Associated Press over the Federal Wireless:

	Today, day.	Yester-
Alaska Gold	103 1/2	103 1/2
American Smelter	106 1/2	105 1/4
American Sugar Rfg.	111 1/2	111 1/2
American Tel. & Tel.	123 1/2	123 1/2
Anacostia Copper	83 1/2	83 1/2
Atchafalpa	105 1/2	104 1/2
Baldwin Loco.	50	50 1/2
Baltimore & Ohio	54 1/2	54 1/2
Eastman Steel	510	510
Calif. Petroleum	24 1/2	25 1/2
Canadian Pacific	160	163 1/2
C. & M. & St. P. (St. Paul)	91	90 1/2
Cole, Fuel & Iron	46 1/2	45 1/4
Crucible Steel	64 1/2	63 1/2
Erle Common	39 1/2	38 1/2
General Electric	167	168 1/2
General Motors	117 1/2	117 1/2
Great Northern Pfd.	121	121
Inter. Harv. N. J.	48 1/2	46 1/2
Kennecott Copper	78 1/2	78 1/2
Lough R. R.	103	102 1/2
New York Central	103	102 1/2
Pennsylvania	55 1/2	56 1/2
Ray Consol.	28 1/2	28 1/2
Reading Common	145	137 1/2
Southern Pacific	89 1/2	87 1/2
Studebaker	106 1/2	103 1/2
Texas Oil	235	230 1/2
Union Pacific	144 1/2	148 1/2
U. S. Steel	112	109 1/2
U. S. Steel Pfd.	120	119 1/2
Utah	101 1/2	103 1/2
Western Union	98	95 1/2
Westinghouse	53 1/2	54 1/2

*Bld. Ex-dividend. †Unquoted.

RUBBER.

At the Singapore Rubber auction held this week commencing Wednesday, plantation pale crepe realized 92 cents per pound. The New York price for the corresponding date was 75 cents.

ASSESS FINES ON 17 COMPANIES

Seventeen Honolulu corporations were fined \$100 each this morning in district court for failing to file with the territorial treasurer a required report of their year's business for the year 1916. Three had already paid \$100 each and the cases of 14 have been continued again.

Cases against the Consolidated Amusement Company, Ltd., the Hawaiian Japanese Daily Co., and the Honolulu Taxi Co., Ltd., were stricken because service had been made on the wrong person.

Those fined this morning were the Hawaiian Gazette Co., Ltd., Princess Hotel, Ltd., Hawaiian Railway Co., Ltd., Hawaiian Tobacco Plantation Co., Honolulu Dairyman's Association Co., Ltd., Clark Farm Co., Ltd., Art & Craft Shop Co., Ltd., Honolulu Electric Co., Ltd., Bell Clothing Co., Ltd., Wine & Liquor Co., Ltd., E. B. Davis & Co., Ltd., City Motor Co., Ltd., Chinese Development Co., Ltd., Fincher Co., Ltd., Thomas A. O'Brien Co., Ltd., Hawaiian Transportation Co., Ltd., and the Home Industry Cigar Co., Ltd.

MAUI MAN MAY BE SENATE CLERK

Jas. N. K. Keola of Walluku, Maui, and very well known in Honolulu, is a candidate for clerk of the senate during the coming session of the legislature. Mr. Keola is well equipped for the duties of the position, having had experience in clerical and newspaper work. He was for years deputy tax assessor on Maui and more recently deputy auditor for the county of Maui.

RUMOR FORBES WILL NOT RETURN IS BRANDED AS FALSE BY MRS. FORBES

Superintendent of Public Works Charles R. Forbes has not the slightest intention of leaving Hawaii permanently on his present mainland trip. Mrs. Forbes said emphatically this morning, in refutation of an advertisement article hinting that the superintendent might not return.

"There is not a vestige of truth to the rumor," says Mrs. Forbes. "Mr. Forbes has gone solely because of his health, has left everything here to be taken up on his return, and will be home as soon as he is rested from overwork. He may possibly go to Boston where his sister has a private hospital for an operation which he may be advised in San Francisco to undergo. The story that he might not come back to Hawaii is both ridiculous and unjust."

NO REAL DEFICIT IN CITY FUNDS, CLAIM OF LOGAN

Chairman Finance Committee of Board of Supervisors Explains Finances

That in reality the city and county of Honolulu has not a deficit but a surplus of over \$40,000, is the statement made today by Dan Logan, chairman of the finance committee of the board of supervisors.

Logan bases his statement on the fact that when the cash basis fund was established the taxes were not paid proportionately to take care of both the fund and the general city expenses. "If the cash basis fund was turned into the general fund today we would be ahead," he claims. "As it stands now the city simply has not enough money to pay for the running expenses, and that is the reason why the finance committee only made the appropriation bill for three months, expecting that the legislature will readjust the taxes." Logan also says that the fiscal year is not up until June 30, 1917, and the board, therefore, has six months still to straighten out its affairs.

"Auditor Bicknell is quoted in the Star-Bulletin as saying that the reduction of the general fund deficit was due to the increased revenue and not to any economies practiced by the supervisors," Logan added.

"At the same time he gives the receipts for 1916 as \$735,741.86, while his official report for 1915 gives the receipts for that year as \$722,484.14. If both statements are correct, then instead of an increase of revenue there was a decrease of \$13,257.72."

Supervisor Larsen says that if there is a deficit the money is spent for public necessities and not a penny was wasted. "If the money had not been spent the people would not have had the many improvements which this board has put in and which they are continually demanding," he declares.

D. L. Conkling, city treasurer, on the other hand, believes that "board of appropriation" is a better name than board of supervisors. "I have no doubt that all of the appropriations made out of the general fund 90 per cent were for expenses outside of those named in the appropriation bill," he says.

BOARD TO PASS ON APPROPRIATIONS

The appropriation bill will be the big feature of the meeting of the supervisors this evening and it is expected there will be a lively debate over some of the items as a number of changes in salaries have been announced and also a request from the Lumber Home for an increased appropriation. It is at present receiving \$300 a month.

When the bill came up for first reading last Tuesday it was read by title only and the meeting this evening was called especially for the second reading to take up the separate items. Logan said that the bill contains a number of increases in the salaries of some of the clerks who have been with the various departments for several years.

The bids for paving Beretania street from King to Nuuanu, of which the Lord-Young Engineering Company's bid of \$30,500 was the lowest, will be passed on tonight. This bid was \$7150 lower than the city engineer's estimate.

Other business which is to come before the board is the last of the pay rolls for 1916, a report by the finance committee on the request of Ben Hollinger for \$1500 for more cages for the animals at Kapahulu park and various appropriations for road work.

NOMINATION OF COKE WILL NOT INTERFERE WITH CRIMINAL WORK

Although not informed how soon the judiciary committee will act on his nomination as associate justice of the supreme court, Circuit Judge James L. Coke intends to go ahead with the criminal work of the local circuit court until he receives definite information.

"At least I will go ahead with the grand jury work," Judge Coke says. "However, I may not begin the trials of any criminal cases, as I realize such trials might be halted at any time and probably require a new trial."

Between 10 and 12 criminal cases are pending to be heard during the coming term. The members of the new grand jury have been notified to be in court at 10 o'clock next Monday morning at which time Judge Coke will read his charge. The grand jurors, however, will not meet if Judge Coke's nomination is confirmed before Monday.

MOST FAVORED PROPOSAL NOW HEARD IN CAPITAL, RESTORE PAYNE-ALDRICH DUTIES, POSSIBLY CONSUMPTION TAX

In view of widespread interest in Hawaii over rumors of possible sugar tariff revision by Congress, and reports that an excise or internal revenue tax might be strongly favored, the Star-Bulletin yesterday cabled its Washington correspondent for an authoritative summary of the situation. He cabled in reply:

"WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 4.—There is no definite proposition for taxing sugar. The most favored plan heard among congressmen here for sugar legislation is to restore the Payne-Aldrich duties. To a lesser degree there is a sentiment in favor of a consumption tax, payable at the refineries, but this is an unpopular plan and strongly opposed.

"All suggestions affecting sugar are fragmentary and chaotic."
C. S. ALBERT.

The duty under the Payne-Aldrich act, for sugar affecting the Hawaiian basis, was 1.685 cents per pound for foreign and 1.348 for Cuban sugar, affecting the Hawaiian basis. The present tariff is 1.256 cents for foreign and 1.0048 cents for Cuban sugars.

JURYMEN INDICT COUNTERFEITERS

Eight of the nine Filipinos recently arrested by the police, detectives and Marshal J. J. Conkling on charges of counterfeiting, were indicted today by the federal grand jury. The indictments were returned shortly after 11:30 o'clock. The case of the alleged counterfeiters was given a preliminary hearing by the juryman on Wednesday morning.

The defendants indicted are Joaquin Reyes, Sancho Quino, Fernando Ferrer, Faustino Estrada, Sierrano Enriquez, Jose Regalado, Andres de la Cruz and Crispulo Babilio. Bonifacio Serrano, who gave to Detective Harry Lake information as to the whereabouts of the place where the counterfeit money was being made, was not indicted.

No date has been set for the arraignment of the defendants, but they may be brought into court next Saturday morning for their pleas. The court has fixed bond for each defendant in the sum of \$5000.

Among the evidence taken in the raid were 248 imitation \$10 gold pieces, which, if genuine, would have a value of \$2480. Reyes, who says he is an engraver, is said to have confessed to federal officials that he made the die now in the possession of Marshal Smiddy.

COURT-MARTIAL IS MADE PUBLIC

Court-martial proceedings against 1st Lieut. Leopold J. H. Herwig, 4th Cavalry, Schofield Barracks, which resulted in that officer's confinement to his post for a period of six months, still effective, are made public in general orders just received from Washington. The court-martial dates back to November 17, the order issuing at that time.

In addition to confinement for six months at the post, Lieut. Herwig was sentenced to reprimand from the reviewing officer.

Two charges were brought against the lieutenant in the trial, according to the order, the first being that of "conduct unbecoming an officer and a gentleman," in violation of the first Article of War; the second being "conduct to the prejudice of good order and military discipline," in violation of the 62d Article of War.

Six specifications alleging false statements were contained in the first charge, while there were four specifications in the second charge which alleged neglect and failure to obey orders. The officer was found "not guilty" of the first charge or specifications, but "guilty" of charge II.

The order declares the evidence shows the accused failed to obey orders to complete his garrison practice and that high-minded and upright action was lacking in the matter.

DIDN'T SUCCEED FIRST TIME; WILL TRY AGAIN

Try, try again is the motto being followed by the department of public works in the matter of advertising for bids on construction of the Kaao Homestead roads, Hawaii.

Some time ago the work was advertised but when the day for opening bids came no bids had been presented. The public works department now announces that it will consider tenders again, bids to be opened on January 18.

The second faculty musicale for 1916-17 will be held in the Charles R. Bishop hall on the evening of February 3 under the auspices of the Punahou department of music.

\$1000 VOTED FOR FRENCH ORPHANS

More than \$124,000 has been given by the war relief committee of Hawaii for the support of war sufferers, with a contribution of \$10,000 voted this morning for various purposes.

Of this amount \$1000 will be turned over to Mrs. Walter F. Dillingham for the relief of French war orphans, the systematic movement for this branch of relief having been started in Hawaii.

Belgians will get \$2000, Armenians \$3000, Poles \$2000 and Serbians \$2000. The money is forwarded through the American Red Cross in New York.

Murder Is Still Deepest Mystery

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless)
PHILADELPHIA, Pa., Jan. 4.—Efforts of the police in search of the murderer of Maitie Colbert are now chiefly directed to learning the identity of the man driven in a taxi to the street corner where the girl's apartments were located. The police have under surveillance a wealthy youth from the interior of Pennsylvania who is known to have been friendly with the girl.

The funeral occurred today, the expenses being paid by men friends. Many men are coming forward to clear themselves of suspicion of connection with the crime.

LIST PROPERTY IN ENEMY COUNTRY

"All British subjects are required to send in returns of property held by them in enemy territory and any claims they may have against enemy governments or persons," is part of an advertisement appearing over the signature of E. L. S. Gordon, consul in Hawaii for the British government.

In explanation of the call the consul said this morning that there was nothing new in the action and full explanations may be had at the consul's office by any one affected.

Gordon explains that the same action is being followed by all warring countries and has been in effect for over a year. The purpose is to have a complete list, with all detailed information, of all claims that consistent arrangements for their settlement may be made in event of peace.

Arrangements will include ascertaining losses and making demands for reparation. The word "property" is to be taken in its widest sense.

JOHN ENA WILL SAIL TOMORROW FOR SOUND

Early tomorrow morning the American ship John Ena, here since early in December discharging nitrates she brought from Chile, will sail for Comox, B. C., in ballast to load a cargo for San Francisco.

According to the local office of Hind, Ralph & Company, the Ena's former owners, it is not known here just when the fine big vessel will be turned over to her new owners, the Standard Oil Company of California, who purchased her a few weeks ago from the shipping firm for \$375,000, more than twice what Hind, Ralph & Company paid for the ship a year ago.

Spanish minister of treasury states national production of copper will be sufficient for normal necessities next season, and unnecessary to acquire any abroad.

LITTLE ACTIVITY ON WEST SECTORS

(German Official)
GERMAN ARMY HEADQUARTERS, Jan. 3.—Crown Prince's front, on the west: The weather becoming brighter, more artillery activity developed today. This afternoon it was noticeable on the Meuse sector. In the forest patrols of the German Landwehr Regiment 93 advanced to the third French trench and returned after destroying offensive establishments, with 12 prisoners.

East arena, Prince Leopold's front: South of Dravvaly Russian raiding detachments were chased away. East of Salsow and near Manayov the Russian forces brought in three officers and 127 soldiers; from the Russian lines.

Archduke Joseph's front: Strong hostile attacks against Mt. Falcau failed with heavy losses. Between Suitta and Putna valleys several heights were captured by storming and Russian and Rumanian counter thrusts defeated. Barselci and Topceai have been occupied after an engagement.

On von Mackensen's front our movements are progressing as planned. In the mountains between Zabala valley and the plain Teuton troops have pushed the enemy back northeast. West and south of Pocomal the ninth army troops now stand before Russian fortified positions. Piateesti and Mera, on the Milcov river, have been taken by storming and 400 prisoners captured. In the Dobruja the Russians in spite of their tenacious resistance have been pushed further back toward Vacareni and into Macin. On the Macedonian front the situation is unchanged.

CABINET PLAN IN PHILIPPINES

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless)
MANILA, Philippine Islands, Jan. 4.—Governor-General Harrison announced today the impending formation of a council of state to act in an advisory capacity, composed of the president and speaker of the senate. It is regarded as equivalent to a cabinet.

THREE COMPANIES ARE SERVED WITH SUMMONS TO COURT

Penal summons in the cases of the People's Store, the Koolan Rubber Company and the Maui Vulcanizing Company, recently issued by Circuit Judge Ashford at the instance of the attorney general's office, have been returned to the circuit court served. These concerns are charged with having failed to submit annual reports of the state of affairs of their business, which were due 60 days after the end of December, 1915. A number of other penal summons also have been issued.

PUBLIC UTILITIES BODY SENDS OUT PROCEEDINGS

Clerks at the office of the public utilities commission are busy at present sending out copies of various proceedings of that body in the matter of the recent investigations of the Island Electric Company, Lahaina Ice Company and the Kohala and Hawaii Telephone companies.

About 350 separate packages will be sent out and the list includes two Lanes-Secretary Franklin K. and Mayor John C. Besides various colleges of the country, public libraries and corporations are to get copies.

BELGIAN CAMPS IN PRUSSIA HORRIBLE; THEY WON'T WORK

Condition at Soltau Complained of By Those Sent Home; Say Food is Meager and Bad

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless)

THE HAGUE, Netherlands, Jan. 4.—Belgian civilians who have been deported to Germany and have now returned were interviewed by the Associated Press. They agree in their statements that the conditions at the big camp at Soltau, Prussia, where they were imprisoned, were horrible. Seventy have been sent home in a crowded cattle and freight train, which took three days and nights for a journey usually six hours long. They say they were without food on this train.

Many are coughing, evidences that they have fallen victims to tuberculosis. The camp food, they declare, was meager, soup made of acorns being fed them. Two are said to have gone insane in a week.

All are refusing to work, despite better food being promised them.

NORWAY ANGRY AT BRITISH EMBARGO

Norwegian Papers Rap British Minister for Coal Embargo; Complications Are Possible

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless)

LONDON, Eng., Jan. 4.—Copenhagen reports today say that the Norwegian papers are attacking the British minister vigorously in connection with the British coal embargo, which is said to be severely felt in Norway. The government has announced, it is reported, that there will be no further sale of treasure bills for the Bank of England.

Russians Turn On Teuton Pursuers

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless)

PETROGRAD, Russia, Jan. 4.—The Russians on the Rumanian front are now making a stiffer stand against the Teutons. Today reports say they have captured 800 Teutons, three cannons, 18 machine guns, many mine throwers, bombs and mortars, according to official announcement. The Russians have launched an attack on the heights south of Iotochi mountain.

Huge Debt of War Shared By Nations

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless)
WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 4.—The increase in national debts of England, France, Russia, Germany and Austria is estimated by the federal reserve board at approximately fifty billion dollars, to the end of 1916, about equally divided between the Entente and Teutonic Powers.

Women and Children Lost on the Moselle

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless)

LONDON, Eng., Jan. 4.—The Central News Agency publishes a despatch today from Amsterdam reporting the drowning of 22 women and children in the sinking of a ferryboat in a collision on the Moselle, near Bielefeld.

Roosevelt Plans South Sea Trip On Larger Scale

Col. Roosevelt has temporarily abandoned Hawaiian and Filipino tramping and exploration for life, but he still has a South Sea trip in contemplation. A letter to A. L. C. Atkinson from Ex-Governor George R. Carey, a personal friend of the colonel now living in Boston, says that Roosevelt intends to come here next year and has been quired concerning the charter of a small pleasure boat to take his party through the South Sea. He is to be quite an elaborate one.